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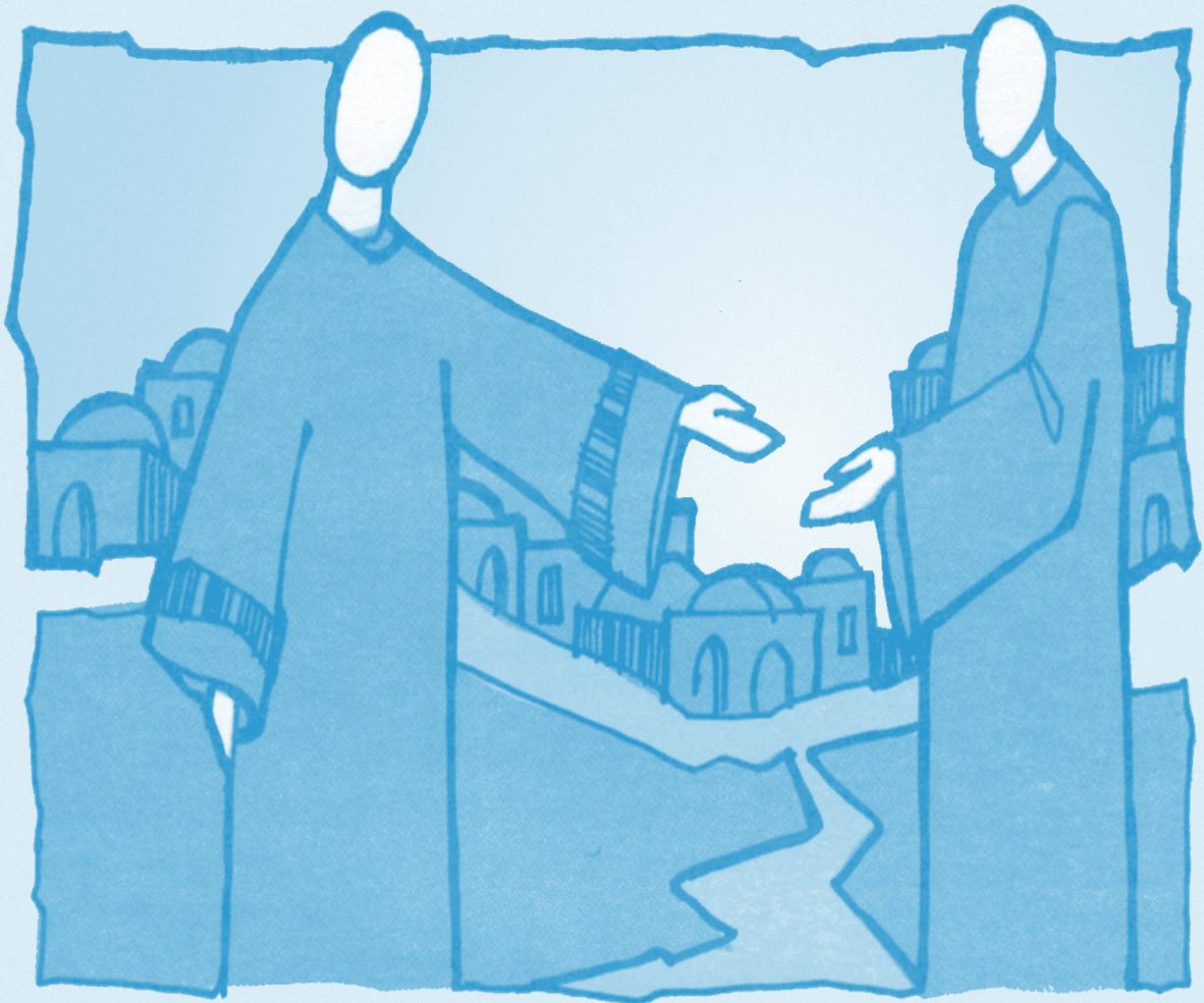


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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

February 20, 2011 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**GIVE TO THE ONE
WHO ASKS OF YOU**



Annual Catholic Appeal 2011

This week, you are asked to review the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure that you will receive with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is: "...seek first the kingdom of God..." (Matthew 6:33).

Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal. While funding a number of Archdiocesan ministries, **the Appeal supports parish ministries that provide religious education to children, youth and adults in economically disadvantaged communities.** It is also one of the largest philanthropic sources of financial assistance for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese.

Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal campaign is **much different than a one time special collection.** It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the Archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world are given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our Archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they fund a significant portion of the work of our Archdiocese. After our parish goal of \$15,161.00 is reached in cash, 100% of the additional funds come back to our parish to help to fund our needs.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Above is information about the Annual Catholic Appeal for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Please be as generous as you are able. I would like to thank you all for your generosity in the past to the appeal. Last year St. Irenaeus met its goal of \$15,478.26 was met and exceeded. The extra amount was returned to the parish. As of this week that amount is \$580.74. May God continue to shower this faith community with blessings as we continue to share out Time, Talent and Treasure locally and with the entire Archdiocese.

Fr Terry



Infant Jesus of Prague Parish
Monday, February 21, 2011 7-8:30 p.m.
Topic: **Islam**
Presenter: **Dr Scott Alexander, PhD**

South Suburban Parish Adult Faith Formation Series 2010-2011

Co-sponsored by St Agnes Parish, St Lawrence O'Toole Parish, Infant Jesus of Prague Parish and St Irenaeus Parish and the Catholic Theological Union

Come join our neighbors in faith as we continue to be "Disciples in Training."
Mark your calendars now for these exciting evenings of interaction and learning!

LENT 2011 Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus-Becoming a Steward of Creation

Ash Wednesday is just a few weeks away. This year our parish will be using a program called Lent 4.5 to anchor our Lenten experience. Our theme is "Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus-become a Steward of Creation". As a parish we have responded to the call to Stewardship of Time Talent and Treasure. We have been blessed with a generous response to our Parish Offertory Program and its continued and steady success will help with parish finances. Lent 4.5 will help us extend the notion of stewardship especially about global issues, proposed solutions, and how we as individuals can contribute to creating a healthy and just world through Christian simplicity. It is an opportunity to become more informed and engaged.

There are several ways you can participate in Lent 4.5.

Each week during Lent you will receive a handout in the PILLAR. By reading the handout you can become informed about some of the pressing global and local issues which are damaging God's creation and creating an unjust world. The handouts also have a menu of action steps you can take during the week to make a difference in the world.

Lenten faith sharing groups are being formed again this year. Beginning the week of February 27 you will have the opportunity to sign up for a group which fits into your schedule. The bulletin inserts will be used as the discussion guide for the Faith Sharing groups.

You will have access to online resources and a blog. There are many resources available on the Lent 4.5 website. You will also have access to the Lent 4.5 blog where you will be able to dialogue with others participating in Lent 4.5 in the United States and Canada.

And finally there will be some large group events hosted at the parish during and after our Lent 4.5 journey.

Sign up for Faith Sharing groups will begin on the weekend of February 26 & 27. Please consider joining a group. There are several opportunities available to fit all our busy schedules. Continue to watch the bulletin for further details.

**Bethany
Retreat
House** will
be here with
a Lenten
book sale

LENT

February 26
-27 in the back of church for
the weekend liturgies. Sister
Joyce Diltz will be happy to
help you find just the right
book for your Lenten reading.
The bookstore offers a wide
selection of adult and
children's books, including
titles on prayer and meditation,
spirituality, personal growth,
journaling, scripture, loss and
grieving, and more. There are
also CDs of meditation and
liturgical music. There will be
significant markdowns on a
number of books.



Chicago Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, March 19, 2011

Chicago Marriott Oak Brook,
Oak Brook, Illinois

Keynote Speaker:

Chris Godfrey
Super Bowl XXI Champion
New York Giants in 1987



Registration information available at:

www.catholicmenofchicago.org or 312-534-5288

"Waiting in Joyful Hope in the Midst of Un/underemployment"

Date: February 28 Time: 9:00am-12:30pm No fee

Job loss can provide a meaningful opportunity to deepen our faith as we "wait in joyful hope" for new things to come. This morning of reflection will encourage those who participate to find their own path through the dark night of un/underemployment in stories of love overcoming fear, forgiveness overcoming anger, and faith overcoming despair. Prayer, laughter, time for personal reflection and conversation will hopefully provide a peaceful morning on the journey to finding a new job. Continental breakfast will be served at 9:00am and the program will begin at 9:30am.

Facilitators: After teaching high school for 34 years, Carol Conway began her second career as pastoral associate at St. Germaine Parish in Oak Lawn. She started the St. Germaine Job Seekers Support Group in May of 2009. A graduate of Catholic Theological Union, Jim White writes a weekly blog that focuses on the "Spirituality of the Unemployed" and co-leads "Between Jobs Ministry" at St. John Fischer Parish in Evergreen Park.

"THE PORT"

9263 West St. Francis Road, Frankfort IL
815-464-3880 www.portforprayer.org

Harambee
An Evening of Prayer and Celebration

Saturday, March 5, 2011, 5:30 p.m.

Join us for "A Journey in Faith and Freedom," an exciting evening of prayer, music, food, and a grand prize raffle (tickets \$5 each) with a chance to win \$1,500, an Apple iPad, and other prizes. Enjoy the festivities while supporting the Tolton Scholarship Program.

To make your reservation (\$50 per person) call 773.371.5411 or e-mail rspv@ctu.edu

Since 1990, the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program of Catholic Theological Union has prepared exceptional Black Catholic lay leaders for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

 Catholic Theological Union

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2011

Women, men and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 4, 2011. The women of Chile have written the service around the theme "How many loaves have you?" They ask us to enter a process that draws us into the context of Chile and into the real situations of our lives and communities. Together, we are asked to respond to what we have and how we can share it with others. In this past year, Chile has been challenged by a devastating earthquake and the collapse of a mine in which many miners were trapped.

This year's service will be held on Friday, March 4, at 9:30 a.m. at Hope Lutheran Church (now doing business as Celebration Ministries) located at 424 Indianwood Boulevard. Please plan to join the women of Chile in prayer and song to support women's ecumenical ministries toward justice, peace, healing and wholeness. The annual offering will support the work of World Day of Prayer USA and help meet the needs of families who are victims of many forms of poverty, violence and human trafficking.

February 20, 2011
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles." - Matthew 5:41
Today Our Lord clearly challenges us to go the extra mile in our service. We are invited to participate more fully in the work of the Church. In this busy world that is not an easy challenge to accept. Yet, our response can become easier and clearer for us when we take the time every day to simply ask, *"Lord, what do you want me to do with all the gifts You have given me? How would You like me to become more fully involved in the life of Your Church?"*

**Bake Sale
Thank You**



The members of the Parish Life Committee want to thank all those parishioners who contributed to the Bake Sale this past weekend. We appreciate the support of all the bakers and buyers. We raised \$401 thank you.

**"MANNA FROM HEAVEN"
REMEMBER TO GET
YOUR WEEKLY**

GAS and GROCERY Cards
**We have several available
with no waiting.**

ALSO: We can earn an **additional 2%** on every **Chili's Card** purchased February 7th through February 24th, 2011

**SHOP TARGET, WHOLE FOODS,
TRADERS JOE'S AND MORE....**

For those retailers who are not currently participating in the Manna program you can redeem the **VISA card** at all stores that accept VISA.

No activation fees applied
After six months, \$3 monthly fee applies

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, February 21

St. Peter Damian

8:00 Chuck Differding req by
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Shoemaker

Tuesday, February 22

The Chair of St. Peter

8:00 Special Intention Georgiana Delehanty
req by Don & Judy Korte

Wednesday, February 23

St. Polycarp

8:00 Patricia Mc Cartan & Arlene Zibrida
req by Pat McCartan
Rita C. Sella req by
Rita L. Sella

Thursday, February 24

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, February 25

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, February 26

Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 Chuck Differding req by
Bill & Winnie Maune
Pat O'Connor req by
Bill & Winnie Maune

Sunday, February 27

8:30 Peter Paolucci req by
Don & Judy Korte
10:30 Robert Engstrand Jr. req by
Louise Hosmer

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 26 5:00 am

Lectors

Sally Fortune, Bob Carreras,
Mary Jane Riopelle

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Jim Silvia, Barbara Principali, Eileen Rose,
Dolly Mikolajczyk, Bob Steiert,
Marilyn Carroll

Cantor

Cathy Williams

Altar Servers

Myles Greska, Michael Rosenquist

Sunday, February 27 8:30 am

Lectors

Harlan Smith, Chris Blue, Gerry Berish

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Sara Veldhuizen, Laura Hennessy,
Carol McCullough, Richard Thomas,
Therese Goodrich, Pat McCartan

Cantor

Melva LeBlanc

Altar Servers

Kevin Headly, Karen Ertl

Sunday, February 27 10:30 am

Lectors

Phil Schwartz, Barbara Ostroski,
Terry Townsend

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Denise Douglas, Doris Foster,
Kathy Anderson, Dave Perkins, Pat Benjamin

Cantor

Helen Silvia

Altar Servers

Stephanie Sagun, Elysia Sawyers,
Vincent Oganwu Jr.

St. Irenaeus's Job Club

Find yourself unemployed, underemployed, or just testing the waters for a career change? Join others who are working together to:

- Lend support when the job of looking for a job gets tough.
- Learn new job search skills.
- including strategies for online job searches.
- Network to find job leads.

Date & Time: To Be Determined

Place: Religious Education Center / Room #5
(Computer Lab)

Contact: Phyllis Bacon 708-527-6834 to schedule day and time.

This Week's Meetings

Tuesday

Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm in the church

Wednesday

Parish Pastoral Council

7:00 pm in the R.E. Center

SPRED I

7:00 pm in the rectory

The Parish Office will be happy to send you a statement of your 2010 contributions for tax purpose. Please call the office @ 748-6891 if you would like a copy. Thank you for your generosity last year.

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - 33

	\$4,650.00
February 13 Collection	\$4,223.00
Thank you to the 136 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.	
Money collected\envelopes	\$3,441.00
Loose Money	\$782.00
Budget Year to Date	\$153,450.00
Actual Income Year to Date	\$158,445.16
10/11 Budget Surplus	\$4,995.16
Maintenance Fund Feb. 13	\$612.00
Maintenance Fund YTD	\$20,749.00
Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs.	\$358,390.00
Total Collections	\$379,139.00
Total Expenditures	\$321,232.33
Christmas Budget	\$14,000.00
Christmas YTD	\$10,280.00

Hotlines:

COURAGE

*For single mothers and
unplanned pregnancies
708-636-8001*

*Catholic Charities Family Shelter
312-655-7700*

*Senior Services
708-596-2222*

*Crisis Center for South Suburbs
708-429-7233*

*Grief Support Center for New
Beginnings
708-985-3010*

*So. Sub. Family Shelter Domestic
Violence
708-335-3028*

*So. Sub. Council on Alcoholism
and Substance Abuse
708-647-3333*

Ministry of Care & Anointing of the Sick

Please call the rectory if you, or someone you know, is unable to join us for Eucharist. Our ministers of care visit parishioners at home and in the hospital or nursing home. Arrangements can be made for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to marry must call the rectory at least six months prior to their desired wedding date. All couples must attend a Pre-Cana Conference.

Need prayers?

*Call the St.
Irenaeus Health
Ministry Prayer
Line at 747-0974
with your requests*

The Sacrament of Baptism

We celebrate the sacrament of baptism during the weekend liturgies. Parents are asked to attend a baptism preparation session. Please call the rectory to make arrangements.

St. Irenaeus Ministerial Staff

Rectory Phone: 748-6891

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748-7997***

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Parish Office Hours:
Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm,
closed from 12pm-1:00pm

Bulletin Submissions

Articles are due by 10 AM on Fridays 8 days prior to publication date. Electronic submissions are preferred – email to stirenaeus@archchicago.org. Please include “Bulletin article” in the subject line. Questions? Call Terri Cardin at 708-748-6891 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.